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Information technology

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, by which it requested the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive strategy for the development and implementation of information technology,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on information technology in the Secretariat: a plan of action,[1] and endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to resubmit the plan of action, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 1 above and:

(a) Developing a specific plan to improve efficiency through the application of information technology in the Secretariat and the action required to implement it;

(b) Defining clearly the responsibilities of the different bodies in the application and integration of information technology within the United Nations;

(c) Addressing the objective of improving decision-making with respect to information technology in the Secretariat by improving coordination and reducing duplication;

(d) Developing a cost-benefit analysis for use in identifying information technology priorities;

(e) Developing an implementation plan for those priorities;

[1] A/55/780.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7) paras. 80-94.

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3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a single report containing the information requested in the present resolution.